

(d) Western shall respond to IRP cooperative status requests within 30 days of receipt. If a request for IRP cooperative status is disapproved, the requesting customers must submit their initial IRPs no later than 1 year after the date of the letter of disapproval. Any subsequent requests by customers for IRP cooperative status will be responded to by Western within 30 days of receipt of the request. Western's approval of IRP cooperative status will not be based on any potential member's contractual status with Western.

§ 905.13 Approval criteria.

(a) IRP or small customer plan approval will be based upon:

(1) Whether the IRP or small customer plan satisfactorily addresses the criteria in these regulations; and

(2) The reasonableness of the IRP or small customer plan given the size, type, resource needs, geographic area, and competitive situation of the customer.

(b) Western will review resource choices in accordance with section 114 of EPAct and these regulations. Western will disapprove IRPs if resource choices do not meet the reasonableness test set forth in (a)(2) of this section and the provisions of section 114 of EPAct.

(c) Where a customer or group of customers implements integrated resource planning under a program responding to other Federal, State, or other initiatives, Western shall accept and approve such a plan as long as the IRP substantially complies with the requirements of these regulations.

(d) In evaluating an IRP or small customer plan, Western shall consider water planning, efficiency improvements, and conservation in the same manner it considers energy planning and efficiencies. Customers that provide water utility services and customers that service irrigation load as part of their overall load may include water conservation activities in the IRP. To the extent practical, customers should convert their water savings to energy values.

§ 905.14 Small customer plan.

(a) Small customers may submit a request to prepare a small customer plan

in lieu of an IRP. Requests for small customer status must include data on total annual energy sales and usage for the 5 years prior to the request. This data will be averaged to determine overall annual energy sales and usage so that uncontrollable events, such as extreme weather, do not distort levelized energy sales and usage. Documentation of limited economic, managerial and resource capability must also be included in a request.

(b) Western shall respond to small customer status requests within 30 days of receipt of the request. If a request for small customer status is disapproved, the requesting customer must submit its initial IRP no later than 1 year after the date of the letter of disapproval. Any subsequent requests by customers for small customer status will be responded to by Western within 30 days of receipt of the request.

(c) Small Customer Plan Contents.

Small customer plans shall:

(1) Consider all reasonable opportunities to meet future energy service requirements using demand-side management techniques, new renewable resources, and other programs that will provide retail consumers with electricity at the lowest possible cost;

(2) Minimize, to the extent practicable, adverse environmental effects; and

(3) Present in summary form the following information:

(i) Customer name, address, phone number, and contact person;

(ii) Type of customer;

(iii) Current energy and demand profiles and data on total annual energy sales and usage for the previous 5 years;

(iv) Future energy services projections;

(v) The manner in which paragraphs (c) (1) and (2) of this section were considered; and

(vi) Actions to be implemented over the next 5 years.

(d) The first small customer plan must be submitted to the appropriate Western Area Manager within 1 year after Western's approval of the request for small customer status. Small customers must submit in writing a small customer plan every 5 years.